workers, type of raw material needed and whether the same is available indegenously or not etc.;

(c) how many of the projects cleared have since begun their production with the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have received any objection from any source for setting up any of the projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Mars Incorporated, USA for manufacturing Cocoa based confectionary has got clearance, if so, the details of the project including its location, capacity, raw materials required, production data, export proposals etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 390 foreign investment proposals recommended by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board have been approved till the end of June, 1993. Year-wise figures of these approvals are given below:—

Year	No. of foreign Investment approvals
1991	2
1992	199
1993 (upto June)	189

(b) The details of foreign investment proposals cleared viz. name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator, item of manufacture and amount of foreign investment involved in each proposal are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library. Imports of capital equipments, raw material etc. are allowed in accordance with the current import-export policy of the Government.

(c) Approval for foreign investments are for terms for making investment in Indian projects but the implementation of the projects/commencement of production of the projects set up under foreign investment depends on the gestation period of an industrial project that varies from industry to industry and project to project. Hence no centralised data in this regard are maintained.

(d) The projects approved are in terms of the Statement on Industrial Policy laid on the Table of both the Houses on 24th July, 1991.

(e) M/s. Mars Incorporated, USA have been given approval on 19th July, 1993 for setting up a subsidiary in India for the manufacture of Cocoa based confectionary products excluding products reserved for small scale sector. The USA company proposes to invest US $10 million over a period of next few years and the units are likely to be set up in the States of Haryana or Himachal Pradesh but exact locations have not yet been indicated. The US company had also indicated that all its raw material requirements for the project would be obtained from domestic sources except where it becomes absolutely necessary to import.

Assistance to Gujarat for National Renewal Fund

1463. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals submitted by the Government of Gujarat for National Renewal Fund (NRF) are pending for clearance;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in clearing the above proposals and when the assistance would be provided to Government of Gujarat.

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have taken a decision to grant assistance from NRF for the year 1993-94 only to the Central Government undertakings;

(d) what are the reasons for this partial attitude of Government; and

(e) whether Government are thinking to provide assistance as requested by Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) In the first instance, assistance from National Renewal Fund has been provided for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme of Central Public Sector Undertakings including those in Gujarat.

Proposals for assistance from the National Renewal Fund have been received from Gujarat and other States. These will be processed and decided upon by the Empowered Authority on receipt of appropriate budget allocations.

Revival of potteries Ltd.

1464. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up any plan for revival of Bengal Potteries Ltd;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the decisions of Government about the future of the Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) has undertaken a viability study of M/s. Bengal Potteries Ltd. The Government of West Bengal has been asked to identify a suitable entrepreneur who is willing to run the unit and capable of bringing in requisite promoter's contribution necessary for its revival. IRBI has also issued advertisements to attract suitable entrepreneurs.

Facilities for Small Scale sector

1465. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lack of marketing and advertisement facilities are the two main causes for failure of Small Scale Industries as a whole;

(b) the steps Government propose to take provide guaranteed markets to Small Scale Industries; and

(c) the nature of subsidies being provided to Small Scale Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Marketing being an entrepreneurial function in a free market economy, guaranteed market can not be provided by the Government. Nevertheless the marketing support is being extended to SSI units through various measures such as Reservation of items for exclusive purchase from SSI sector, Single Point Registration Scheme, Sales through marketing outlets by various marketing organisations of Central and State Govts. The management Consultancy on Marketing is being provided to SSI units through Management Development Programmes.